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## **Road Diet**

### **Gregory Hosted Community Forum to Make New Highway Safer by Slimming Driving Lanes**

**AMITYVILLE, NY**—When residents living in neighborhoods off of New Highway (aka CR 28) began contacting Legislator DuWayne Gregory (D-Amityville) expressing their concerns about hazardous driving conditions on the thoroughfare, DuWayne took action. After directing the County's Department of Public Works to examine and assess the situation, Gregory brought local residents and road engineers together in neighborhood forum to gain community consensus on a remedy. The result, drivers will soon notice New Highway's new, slimmer look resulting from a "road diet".

Residents' safety concerns stem from New Highway's four lanes encouraging speeders to put their pedals to the metal along portions of the almost 2 mile long boulevard between NYS Route 109 and Sunrise Highway. Between these two intersections are 6 heavily populated side streets whose families access New Highway as the major artery in and out of their community. Specifically, in the proximity of 43rd Street there exists a blind corner that — along with drivers speeding up and down New Highway — further exacerbates the dangers for local residents turning on and off it.

At the Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> community forum, held at the North Amityville Senior Center, DuWayne spoke to local residents long concerned about driving conditions. He then introduced Bill Hillman, chief engineer in the Suffolk County Department of Public Works. Hillman presented the department's solution — the road diet.

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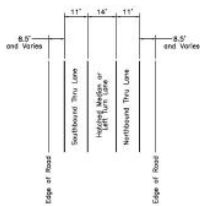
Not restricting CALORIES, DPW's ROAD DIET will reduce the number of LANES from 2 in each direction to 1 (*see DPW's conceptual plan on the accompanying pages*). The yellow lines demarking the new lanes (which will still include turning lanes to allow for easy access to the side streets) will begin at New Horizons Boulevard in the north and continue south to the intersection of Ralph Street just north of where New Highway intersects Sunrise Highway.

This new diet safety zone is expected to be effective because it so long, extending both north of blind curve and south to almost Sunrise Highway. That should severely curb speeders ability to attain the dangerous speeds they cruise at as they pass the side streets off New Highway utilized by local residents.

Hillman told gatherers at the public forum that his department expects to begin the lane painting before the onset of the summer driving season.

"When completed," says Gregory, "dangerous speedsters will lose a large stretch of their illegal raceway and local drivers won't have to worry about that blind corner becoming their 'dead end'".

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C.R. 28 NEW HIGHWAY FROM 41st STREET TO NEW HORIZONS BOULEVARD			
CONCEPTUAL PLAN			
DATE 12/12	PROJECT NO. XXXX	SCALE 1"=50'	SHEET NO. 2 OF 2

